The cloud dropped softly to the lake
Amid a sound of whirring wings
and spread into a graceful line
A host of living things.

We hailed this burst of joyous life; The sunless day seemed dark no more, When suddenly a shot rang out And echsed round the shore.

The waterfowl were nature's guests,
But they were doomed, and all that day
The shots pealed forth, and on the waves
The dead and dying lay.

At last into the brooding mist
There vanished, softly as it came,
A broken flock, with plumage torn,
After that day of shame.

Thacher Higginson in Youth's Compan

UNINHABITED ISLANDS.

There Are Thousands of Them In the

If you should want an island-that is, of occupying it alone, Robinson Crusoe like, or to use it for romantic fiction or for any other purpose, to the exclusion ing and where you can, if you will, be that was all. In the open they would narch of all you survey.

An English traveler has recently been among the small islands that dot the western end of the Indian ocean to ports that he counted 16,100 and found only about 600 of them inhabited. Now, there is a good chance for any

These particular islands are not large, as islands go, but very many of them are sufficient for the purpose of a Robinson Crusoe or any other novel hero or for even a small colony of shipwrecked mariners or other persons who might be cast on one of them or seek for the purpose of making a home pretty much out of the busy world.

Some of them are only an acre or two, well elevated above the tide, while others are a quarter of a mile in diameter and running from that up to a mile or two in length and a quarter or less | them are granitic structures that rise steeply from 20 to 100 feet, well covered with rich soil, through which small fresh water streams hurry to the sea, which they reach after flowing over form walls about the islands.

How He Saved His Dinner. In the little town of Arundel there is a derful presence of mind. Here is an

Some time ago a gentleman called at his shop with a cock pheasant, which he desired to have skinned, stating at the same time that he did not require the body. This quite suited the taxiwho thought the pheasant would do for his dinner on the morrow. However, later in the day the gentle-

would take the body away. The taxidermist replied that it was unusual for customers to take the bodies away, but that he had no objection, and he fetched the bird, which his wife had put on a plate and covered with flour. "Ah!" exclaimed the gentleman. "It looks very nice. But what is this white

powder with which it is covered?" "Oh, that," replied the taxidermist puletly, "is arsenic. I always cover the bodies with that until I can dispose of them."

"Ar-arsenic!" stammered the gentle-

er.-London Answers

There was much difficulty in intro ducing the potato into France. It was only toward the end of the reign of Louis XIV that it began to be used. The learned had opposed its introduction systematically, saying it produced leprosy, and the common people refused to test it even on their live stock.

A trick at last established it. Fields were planted all over France with potatoes and carefully guarded until the tubers were ripe, it being given out that these fields were growing a new thing specially for the king and that trespassers would be prosecuted. Now, the laws at that time were severe. A man might be hanged when he hunted in the wild forest, for the game was the seigneur's, almost each one of whom kept his private gallows. Tres pass against the king implied, therefore, terrible punishment.

The danger of the punishment proved itself an alluring bait. As the contrivwise in foresight, had seen, the fields that were purposely left unguarded were pillaged right and left, the potatoes eaten, some kept and planted and the tuber at last effectually intro duced in France.

Irving's Intensity. The plercing eyes and intense expression of Henry Irving once had the effect of making a fellow actor altogether forget that he was on the stage at all. It occurred in Manchester during a performance of "Macbeth," and in the scene where Macbeth says to one of the murderers, "There's blood upon "ry face!" Irving put so much earnestness into his words that the murderer forgot his proper answer ("'Tis Banquo's, then") and replied in a startled

voice: "Is there? Great Scott!" He

fancled, as he afterward said, that he

had broken a blood vessel. - Ledger

Unknown to the Lawyers. -, one of the great lawyers of the last generation, charged a client a retainer of \$1,000 in an important case, but the parties got together next morning and settled the suit before the judge had opened a book or written a line concerning it. His client called to see if he would not refund part of the money. The lawyer seemed surprised at the suggestion. "Refund!" he ex-claimed. "Refund, did you say? My friend, that is a kind of fund unknown

to the legal profession!"-New York Concession to Superstition. "Thirteen dollars and a half seems a high price for such a comparatively short trip," said the man with the

traveling bag in his hand. "We thought people would rather pay that than \$13." replied the agent of the steamer line with an explanatory and apologetic cough.-Chicago

"Some people," said Uncle Eben, "doesn't seem to take no special interest in tellin de troof 'ceppin when it's scare, but it represents a type that sumpin disagrecable." — Washington turns the railroad man's hair to a deli-

SLICING A RATTLER.

THE COLORADO WAY OF TURNING THE DANGEROUS TRICK.

Dexterity and Daring of the Cowbox In Cutting Off the Head of the Reptile After Its Ineffectual Attempt

a rattlespake with a knife?" said a rules. Colorado citizen now in town. "When first went west, I punched cattle on the Sunset ranch, one of the largest in southern Colorado. I was a tenderfoot, fresh from the east, but no swell head about me. That saved me a lot of trouble. The boys were dead willing to put me next, even to a 14-year-old broncho never balter broken. Among other things, I learned how to kill a rattler with a bowie knife. I killed

fork was good enough for me. an uninhabited island—for the purpose a small sized rattler, jump off his horse, kick at the waving head, avoid the strike and as the reptile came down place a heel upon its neck, coolly take of all others in the world, you need have a knife from his belt and dispatch it. no trouble in finding one if you see fit I have also seen a live rattler thrown to make a fourney to the Indian ocean. up on a haystack machine, and I have In the waters between Madagascar and seen the men working on that stack India you can find more than 15,000 of jump, roll, tumble and slide to get them, where there is not a human be- away. They could not see the rattler;

one with a knife to make my standing

good, but after that a gun or a pitch-

have played with it. "A rattlesnake is harmless out of coil. For that reason it wastes no time in getting back luto coll after the alcohol or witch hazel. make an inventory of them and respring. It will not strike unless it is perfectly sure it can reach its object. Therefore the cowboy must get into reach of the snake's spring. It can child healthy and may save its life. spring half its own length, and sometimes more. Of course the larger the snake the more coils, and the more

> 'Dick Haynes was a young dare devil who would go out of his way to little and cannot reason. But you play with a rattler. I have seen him should not lose your temper. Don't kill at least a dozen with a knife, and I saw him when he got such a close call that he dropped the game and used a gun forever after.

coils the more vicious the strike.

"We were out together one Sunday. It was warm, and as we rode he fanned his face with his sombrero. Suddenly of the length in breadth. Many of started his broncho on a lope. Watch he clapped his hat on his head and me get that pison,' he shouted.

"Fifty yards to our right was a rattler. It was trying to get away, but we headed it in an instant and were off beaches of glistening calcareous sand that are begirt by coral reefs, which ever seen. It was a diamond rattler our horses. It immediately colled, and and about 20 years old. It had the ugliest head I ever saw, enormous in size, and with a mouth that reminded taxidermist who is gifted with won-just long enough to size up its length me of a bulldog's jaw. Dick stopped so as to get an idea of its spring, and

"The strike came like a flash of lightning. The snake struck the ground with a sound like the cracking of a four horse whiplash in the hands of an expert. Dick just saved himself by throwing his body back full length. The snake coiled again before Dick could get to it. I got nervous and call-

" "That's the first one that ever struck at me and got back,' he said, 'and I'm going to have that pretty head.'

"The rattler was beside itself with rage. It lay, coll upon coll of smooth, glistening length, showing the long reach and powerful spring in reserve. Out of the colls two feet more of body and neck rose straight in the air, and above all that black, venomous head, with glowing eyes and forked tongue, waved, slightly, warily, to and fro.

"Dick stepped in again, more cauwhy. I thought that the bird would be good to eat. Thank you, I won't trouble to take it away with me. Good day."

The total trouble to take it away with me the strike, with that marvelous dart of the strike is the mother of a control of the strike was setting to close, but I make the strike in the same village, and the latter is the mother of a control of the strike was setting to close, but I months' old baby, thus completing five generations. Mr. Smith has nine chills and the latter is the mother of a control of the waster in the same village, and the strike waster in the same village, and the latter is the mother of a control of the waster in the same village.

The total trouble to take it away with me. Good day." tiously. He reached the knife nearer speed. Dick's knife flashed and the snake lay squirming, a headless thing, upon the ground.

"'Let's get to camp,' said Dick. 'It got me in the thumb.'

"We jumped for the saddles and started on a mad run for home. Dick rode with his thumb on the saddle horn and his knife in his other hand. "'If she begins to swell, off she omes,' said he.

"We reached the ranch, and while Dick poured down whisky we examined the thumb. We could find nothing, not the slightest wound. The snake '44.' "-New York Sun.

SOME WISE DON'TS.

Don't confound hauteur with dignity or repose with stupidity. Don't "howl." "roar" or "explode. To laugh heart'ly is better.

Don't pose. Affectation is a bar to respect, let alone confidence. the world, but mend your own.

Don't boast. The illiterate and the Don't use superlatives. Few things require them, and they weaken descrip

Don't preach unless you have prac ticed. Deeds are tremendously con-

Don't think a foreigner can compre hend you any better if you shout into his ear.

Don't forger that politeness is the foster sister of diplomacy and an essential tact. Don't appraise a book at another's valuation. Critics are not censors ab-

solute.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"One of the worst starts I ever had," said an engineer the other day, "was

due to a large, lazy pig that had got on my mind. Nothing will slide a train more easily and destructively from the rails than live pork. This particular specimen had a habit of burrowing alongside the track, and it was a fair presumption that sooner or later he would find something to interest him between the ralls and somebody would go down the bank.

"I was coming down a hill one day at high speed and craning my neck for a comforting sight of piggy in his accustomed place when, as I popped around the curve, a bright red flag assaulted my anxious gaze. The connec tion between that flag and the pig was only a bit of mental aberration on my part, but it was very vivid. I shut off children. and grabbed the whistle cord, but behung on an improvised clothesline be-

tween the telegraph poles. "That may not sound like much of a scare, but it represents a type that BABIES IN HOT WEATHER.

Coolness and Diet Do Great Things . For every adult life destroyed by ex-

cessive hot weather there are destroyed at least ten childish lives. Babies die like wilted flowers, and ignorance combines with unusual heat

to sap their feeble strength. We want to impress on the mother "Did you ever see a cow puncher kill and fathers of children a few simple First comes coolness. Keep your chil-

dren cool, dress them lightly and don't put warm covers on them at night. Sponge them every day at least once with a weak solution of alcohol and If they are on a milk diet, dilute their

food, giving them the same amount if they appear to crave it, but adding water sufficient to make digestion easier. Remember that it is important to give children pure drinking water when

they are thirsty. The youngest child should be taught as early as possible to drink plain wa-

The child cries because it is thirsty, the mother gives it milk to drink and perhaps destroys its life by overloading its stomach when the heat makes even ordinary digestion difficult.

Moderate diet-diluted food. Light clothing, with the thinnest possible flannel at night.

Frequent drinking of water, pure and not very cold.

A thorough bath in the morning, with good, pure soap to keep the pores open. A sponge off every evening in diluted

No feeding between meals, no irreular feeding of any kind. The above simple rules will keep your

Remember that heat affects children as it does you. Heat sends the blood rushing to their brains, excites them, makes them nervous and irritable. They must lose their tempers, for they are should not lose your temper. Don't scold, don't whip the child because Providence has seen fit to send the mer-

Do for the baby dependent on you what you would like Providence to do for you. Be kind to it. Keep it as cool as you can .- New York Journal.

The subject of the definite determination of death is one of great importance, and new tests are from time to gested, as we learn from The American X Ray Journal, is that of Professor Ottolenghi of the University of Siena. The professor is said to have "discovered that, while it is easy to apply the rays to the lungs of a person who is alive or in trance, it is extremely difficult-indeed, practically impossibleto apply them to the lungs of a person actually dead." The reason is that some intervening obstacle prevents the rays from penetrating into the body. He has repeatedly made a test of this kind, always with the same result. Professor Ottolenghi therefore suggests that, as this test con easily be made by any physician, it should in future be employed in all cases where

Five Generations.

there exists doubt of death.

Five generations alive in one family is not a common occurrence, but William Smith, late of Haswell and now residing at Tursdale colliery, England, generations of his descendants. Mr. Smith, who is 89 years of age, has a daughter, Mrs. Slater, who is aged 66, living at Haswell. Her daughter, Mrs. Even the finest particles cut away Brown, aged 44, who resides at Ryhope, is the mother of Mrs. Burnip, dren, 49 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Cardinal Vaughan's hobby, if hobby it can be called, is that of collecting money for objects he has at heart. Some 37 years ago he came to America, then a greater undertaking than it is now, to collect funds for a missionary college. Although the then pope, the kindly Pio None, gave him his bless- by adding sait to it. Sea sait is best. ing, he strongly dissuaded the young English priest from going on what he earthen or wooden vessel along with thought a fruitless errand. However, had struck the handle of his knife, and | Father Vaughan returned home with a the strength and suddenness of the im- goodly sum and with characteristic pact made Dick lose his nerve. It was fearlessness wrote to the pope's secrea good thing for him. He never went | tary, "Tell his holiness that his blessafter a rattler again without a long ing was worth more than his prophe-

New Kind of Mouse. On a sand island in Dublin bay a new kind of mouse has been found. It roundings.

The New Negro.

Professor Du Bois reports that oneheard from at this year's Atlanta university conference are engaged in teaching, one-sixth are preaching and one-sixth are "professional men," or by little game, and he asked the armiess ere still studying. Six per cent are wonder to take a hand."-Baltimore merchants, artisans or farmers. Four American. per cent are employed by the govern-

When Herrings Were Plenty. In former days herrings were s abundant in Newfoundland waters that the most wanton slaughter of them whatever. Seines were allowed to re tain 1,000 or 2,000 barrels of the fish until they perished, and then the net was freed, and the whole contents fell to the bottom to pollute the ocean for miles around. When a poaching smack was captured, the herrings it had on board were all thrown into the sea, and frequently boats when chased resorted to the same means to get rid of incriminating evidence. The fish then fetched only 50 cents a barrel of 500 herrings, or ten for a cent.-Cleveland Plain

Making It Clear.

The London Spectator tells a funny story of a definition given by a well known public speaker in an address to

"Now, children," he said, "I propose fore I could even screech for brakes I to give you on the present occasion an saw that the flag was only a red flan- epitome of the life of St. Paul. Pernel shirt which the good woman of the haps some of you are too young to unshanty to which the pig belonged had derstand what the word 'epitome'

CLOGGING THE PIPES

A SENSIBLE SERMON ON HOUSEHOLD SANITATION.

Some Suggestions About the Plumb ing and the Care That Should Be Exercised In the Avoidance Both of Expense and Disease.

will put them to rout and confusion to seek their own level may be elimitruited. nated and other things as wonderful brought to pass. So long as knowledge remains nearly static so long will it

tle thing, one that the pipes can carry off with no possible hurt, but the rag, by hanging over the bend of the trap, may serve as a siphon to take away the water seal, which is all that stands beween the household and unlimited sewer gas. And the rag may keep on loing it for weeks and weeks until deadly disease is rampant.

A string snarled and twisted may work the same ill. The match end, of course, ought to float away harmless, but is very much likelier to be caught in some eddy of the flush water, jammed into a crevice and there to take to itself other solid particles until they form a clot both offensive and danger

itself into a sort of strainer, catching and holding all that passes. Aside from that, it has a trick of lodging in the most inconvenient places, catching upon the least roughness inside the pipe and staying there until by accreon it has clogged the whole space. Hair has special affinity for bits of

oap. Solid soap, by the way, should never be sent down the pipes. Very strong sonpsuds even is objectionable mless you follow it with a flood of clean water, preferably hot water. Coffee grounds and ten leaves either log a pipe very soon or else. If the

through quickly, partly by mechanical action, partly by chemical. Neither Even if you are wise enough to keep out all grease, and thus make sure that your own pipes, in the sewer they may come in contact with grease from pipes less carefully kept and cake and clog John W. Edmonds, less carefully kept and cake and clog your whole pipe system, making necessary costly and inconvenient unclog-

Every kitchen ought to have its grease can, emptied once a week in winter sorts of refuse fat should go into it, even the scrapings from plates and dishes. Greasy water, as from boiling hams or corned beef, should be allowed to cool thoroughly, then have the grease carefully taken off before it goes down the pipes. Skillets and frying pans ought to be filled with very hot can boast that he has lived to see four and keep it from sticking to the pipe the soda to partly saponify the grease or caking on top of the trap.

screw threads turning many times a day. After scouring also take care to off the dirty water, so the sand may be caught. Even a spoonful of sand going down a pipe will cut and wear it nore than a hogshead of water.

Milky water is one of the hardest things to manage. Even a small quantity daily fouls pipes unless the milky water is followed by a flushing of soda water moderately strong, with a limewater flush about every three days. The limewater is made more effective Put a lump as big as the fist in an twice the bulk of quicklime and cover with four gallons of hot water. Stir well and let settle. Pour the clear liquid down the pipes and follow it in half an hour with a flush of clear water boiling hot. Thus every kind of a sink may be kept sweet and fresh .-New York Sun.

Wait Till He Sees You. A Zulu chief, when you enter his hovresembles the ordinary mouse in all ex- el, remains silent for some moments cept its color, which is that of the and seems quite unconscious of your sand, and the naturalists attribute that to an interposition of nature for its proof grave dignity. "Ge saku bona" (I arriving at Wisharts 11 a. m., tection from the owls and hawks on see you), to which you reply in the Bloomtown 12 m.; leaves Bloom-Don't groan over the wickedness of the island. It is supposed that they same way. The longer he takes to "see are the descendants of castaway mice and that the protective coloration is a to be, and until you are supposed to be, and until you are thus "seen" self conscious are thus made manifest. gradually acquired result of their sur- you must keep silent and appear as

much as possible not to be there at all. "The legless man is always putting half of the 1,312 college bred negroes his foot in it." observed the living skel- full fare from Chincoteague to eton to the snake charmer.

"What has be done now?" "Last night we were having a friend

Wimbleton-Hello, old man! Have you taught your dog any new tricks Intely? Quimbleton-Yes; I've been teaching

big piece out of it yesterday.-Harvard The Diplomat's Solution. "And if an irresistible force meets

an immovable body?" suggested his

blm to cut out of my hand. He ate a

friend. "The situation, indeed, would be crit- Virginia ical," admitted the eminent diplomat "but, with mutual restraint and rea sonable concessions, I see no reason to despair of an amicable settlement."-

The Same Old Story.

J. A. Kelly relates an experience similar to that which has happened in almost every neighborhood in the United States and has been told and re-told by thousands of others. He says: 'Last summer I had an attack "Now, children," he said, "I propose to give you on the present occasion an epitome of the life of St. Paul. Perhaps some of you are too young to understand what the word 'epitome' means. 'Epitome,' children, is in its signification synonymous with synopsis."

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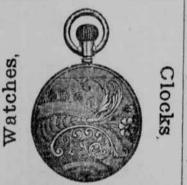
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